

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OSLO 03227 121643Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 PM-04 SS-15  
NSC-05 INR-07 INRE-00 CIAE-00 L-03 PRS-01 /048 W  
-----022791 121653Z /46

O R 121615Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4062  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC  
CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 3227

SECDEF FOR OASD/PA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, NO, ETEL, SV  
SUBJECT: CONTINUED PRESS TREATMENT OF LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM

REFS: (A) OSLO 3159 (B) OSLO 3147 (C) OSLO 3038 (D) OSLO 2870

1. OSLO MEDIA HAS CONTINUED DURING PAST WEEK TO GIVE SPACE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM STORY ALBEIT LESS PROMINENT. ABSENCE OF LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM QUESTIONS AT JULY 8 PRESS CONFERENCE ABOARD VISITING USS CALIFORNIA COUPLED WITH VERY SUPPORTIVE "LET'S GET OFF IT" EDITORIAL IN "VERDENSGANG" LED US TO HOPE THAT TEMPEST HAD SUBSIDED.

2. HOWEVER, NATIONAL "DAGBLADET" JULY 12 PRODUCED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "PILGRIM PROJECT HIGHLY CLASSIFIED IN USA? SMOKESCREEN BUILDING-UP AROUND LORAN-C SYSTEM" IN WHICH AUTHOR CITES SEVERAL UNSECCESFUL ATTEMPTS TO GET CLARINET PILGRIM INFORMATION FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY AND COAST GUARD. (COMMENT: QUESTION PUT TO EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER BY "DAGBLADET" REPORTER CONCERNED QUOTE TESTS IN THE PACIFICE OF CLARINET PILGRIM SYSTEM UNQUOTE. RESPONSE WAS THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY ON SUCH TESTS BUT THAT "DAGBLADET" SHOULD REFER QUESTION TO DOD IN WASHINGTON.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OSLO 03227 121643Z

COAST GUARD ANSWERED SUBSEQUENT "DAGBLADET" INQUIRY SIMILARLY.)

3. "DABGLADET QUOTED EMBASSY AND COAST GUARD RESPONSES IN ANOTHER CONTEXT I.E. TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR COAST GUARD HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CLARINET PILGRIM SYSTEM. GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE SLANTED ARTICLE WAS THEREFORE TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF USG AND GON WERE COVERING UP CKARUBET PILGRIM INFOR-

MATION.

4. DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY HOLST DISCUSSED "DABGLADET" ARTICLE  
JULY 12 WITH CHARGE IN CONTEXT OF FUTURE GON/USG ACTIONS.  
WILL REVIEW THINKING TO DATE IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.

5. COMMENT: OUR FEELING IS THAT LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM  
ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GRIST FOR CRITICAL MEDIA MILLS  
UNTIL GON ANSWERS FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION BURIED IN ALL STORIES, THAT  
IS WHETHER POSSIBLE USES OF LORAN-C AND CLARINET PILGRIM WOULD  
VIOLATE PRINCIPLES OF NORWEGIAN BASE POLICY IN ANY WAY. THERE  
ARE INDICATIONS THAT GOVERNMENT MAY BE MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION.  
WHAT CONCERNS US MOST ABOUT "DABGLADET" ARTICLE OTHER THAN TONE  
AND QUESTIONABLE JOURNALISTIC TECHNIQUES, IS THAT IT  
REPRESENTS FIRST CRITICAL TREATMENT OF SUBJECT IN NON-LEFT NEWSPAPER.  
BREMER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, LORAN, MILITARY AGREEMENTS, MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 12-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977OSLO03227  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770247-0853  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** OSLO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770767/aaaacfjy.tel  
**Line Count:** 78  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e906e76c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 OSLO 3159, 77 OSLO 3147, 77 OSLO 3038, 77 OSLO 2870  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 08-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1889352  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONTINUED PRESS TREATMENT OF LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM  
**TAGS:** PFOR, ETEL, NO, SV  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e906e76c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009